**Tobacco Auction**

800. DR.Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether tobacco auctions picked up in Andhra Pradesh in June, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total production of tobacco *in* Andhra Pradesh this year; and

(d) how much of this production has been auctioned, so far?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantities of FCV tobacco marketed every month in the current auctions in Andhra Pradesh are as follows:

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| February, 2000 | 0.08 M.Kgs. |
| March, 2000 | 0.14 M.Kgs. |
| April, 2000 | 1.46 M.Kgs. |
| May, 2000 | 15.26 M.Kgs. |
| June, 2000 | 23.90 M.Kgs. |
| July, 2000 | 26.79 M.Kgs.(upto 26.7.2000) |

(c) The estimated total production of FCV tobacco in Andhra Pradesh this year is 138.68 M.Kgs.

(d) A total quantity of 67.63 M.Kgs. has been marketed as on 26.7.2000.

**Rising trend in Export**

801. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the areas where exports have taken a rising trend during the last six months;

(b) if so, the extent of increase;

(c) whether Government initiatives have helped in further boosting the export; and

(d) the areas where the export performance is showing a negative trend with details?